

# Eifel Times

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Military service members render honors as fire and rescue workers unfurl a huge American flag over the side of the Pentagon during rescue and recovery efforts following the Sept. 11 terrorist attack. (Photo by Photographer's Mate 1st Class Michael W. Pendergrass)



# A message to America's veterans

*'This was an attack on our way of life, our country, our home'*

By Donald H. Rumsfeld  
Secretary of defense

**A**s the men and women who have fought America's wars, you — more than all others — understand what the Sept. 11 attack on freedom and democracy means for the days ahead.

More than simple acts of terrorism by radical or unbalanced individuals, this was an attack on our way of life, our country, our home.

In a recent message to U.S. armed forces here and abroad, I spoke of the memorable moments that have marked all great crises throughout our history, images that live forever in our hearts and in our minds.

Not surprisingly, we've seen many such moments during this crisis as well — moments of remarkable courage and selflessness; moments of fierce patriotism and pride:

Policemen and firefighters working night and day, with no thought for themselves; men, women and children giving blood until the banks are overflowing; businesses and corporations donating coffee, food and water to sustain those who wouldn't stop working; chaplains counseling distraught families; friends and total strangers reaching out in loving gestures of human support.



DOD photo by R.D. Ward  
**Donald H. Rumsfeld, secretary of defense, thanks one of the many Military District of Washington soldiers working at the site of the terrorist attack on the Pentagon.**

And everywhere — the American flag, on buses and taxicabs, in windows and over doorways, as armbands, on jackets and hats, and most especially, waving in glorious defiance above the smoking and twisted wreckage our

enemies have wrought. One such flag, unfurled by firefighters, proudly hangs huge and proud near the gash in the Pentagon wall.

But I also warn that more — much more — will be asked of Americans in the weeks and months ahead.

We face well-organized and sophisticated enemies, made all the more powerful by the terror they are so willing to unleash. Now that terror has been brought to our door, we owe it to ourselves and — as the president has said — to all future generations, to stop it, eliminate it and destroy it at its core.

Today, all Americans are united in anguish and anger. But we must also be united in purpose and in will.

While the immediate task of vanquishing freedom's enemies will fall to our military men and women, all of us — particularly those like you who understand the price of freedom — will be called upon to strengthen our national resolve.

**A**nd so, as we ask God's tender mercies on all those who have fallen, we ask also for his guidance and protection for all of us who remain to finish the task now before us.

I thank the same God for America's veterans — those of you who made us free and kept us free. I thank God for all you have done, and for all I know you will do again, to support peace and final victory.

God bless you, and God bless America.

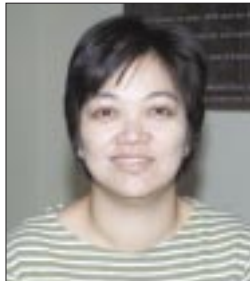
## Point blank

What were you doing when you heard about the terrorist attacks in the United States?



**Master Sgt. Ron McGhee**  
81st Fighter Squadron

*"I was actually in the process of PCSing, so I didn't have any television or radio on when it all started. I went on base and saw people in the orderly room all watching CNN. That's how I found out."*



**Mary Anne Gillette**  
Postal civilian employee

*"I didn't know about the terrorist attacks until well after it all happened. I was inside the post office on Spangdahlem, working in the back. You don't really get to see people there. I learned about the horrible news only during my break when I saw it on TV."*



**Jewels Estrada, age 8**  
Spangdahlem Elementary School

*"I was at my mom's work at the community activities center when I heard a lot of people talking. We immediately went home and watched it on TV."*



**Airman 1st Class Rodman Blazvick**  
52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron

*"I was in the 30 mil bay running 30 mil when someone's spouse called with the story. People in the shop turned on the radio. When we all saw what happened, there was just an eerie silence."*



**Gerstrude Priest**  
German national employee

*"I just remember I was stunned. My daughter and I spent the evening crying while watching the pictures (on TV) late into the night."*







## Service secretary, chief of staff thank members for heroism

*(Editor's Note: Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, and Dr. James Roche, Air Force secretary, issued the following message of thanks and encouragement.)*

**W**ASHINGTON — In the hours that have passed since the horrific “acts of war” inflicted upon the American people, we have all seen, and many of you have performed, superhuman feats of heroism and courage.

We witnessed a Headquarters Air Force medical staff immediately transform itself into a life-saving team in the Pentagon battle zone. These heroes, in the midst of an unfolding crisis, disregarded their personal safety to provide cohesive emergency care to injured service members. They did us all proud!

We saw airmen roar into the skies as the nation activated an ironclad air defense network. There were rousing cheers heard on the lawns of the Pentagon as fully loaded Air Force fighters roared overhead within minutes of the attack.

Later, we had Air Force members performing the solemn duty of recovering the remains of our fellow defense members from the charred rubble. One said, “It was fitting for a service member to honor a comrade so brutally murdered.”

Although one side of the Pentagon is crumbled and we have witnessed a tragic loss of life, the Defense Department is strong, ready and resilient, as resilient as the building itself — a bulwark symbolic of our nation’s defense.

The deadly fire has been extinguished and most of the Pentagon’s staff has returned to work. The Air Staff is fully functioning. Approximately 300 of our members have been temporarily displaced, and we’re assembling a long-term relocation plan now. The building’s air quality is being closely monitored and remains safe for the entire staff.

As it stands now, there are approximately 124 missing Department of Defense staff members. We want you to know all Air Force members assigned to the Washington area are safe and accounted for. Our prayers are with the many suffering grievously from this attack. We will keep you posted on our progress.

For Air Force updates and specific information, please refer to our “Responding to Tragedy” Web site at [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil).

When the president came to the Pentagon to personally express his thanks, he was “saddened and angered” by the grim gaping hole in the building’s west face. But he was immediately uplifted as firefighters and other workers unfurled a three-story tall American flag beside the hole. Our symbol of national freedom truly captured the mood of steadfast resolve here, somber but steeled.

We want to thank all of you who are helping our nation respond to these terrible and criminal acts. As airmen, we stand united and prepared to seek justice and defend freedom. As President Bush said, “We are the freest people in the freest nation on Earth because of America’s men and women in the armed forces.”

We are proud to serve with you and want you to know that every measure is being taken to ensure your workplace is safe and secure, wherever you are assigned. Keep standing proud and ready!



Staff Sgt. Timothy Cook  
Capt. John Hatfield, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron, signs a condolence card to the Pentagon at the community activities center Wednesday.

## Agencies band together to offer aid

Compiled from staff reports

**A**s news agencies continue to broadcast the devastation of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack in New York and Washington D.C., many people in the 52nd Fighter Wing community are asking, “How can we help?”

To help those in need, many agencies in the 52nd FW have set up a variety of moral support and financial assistance programs.

■ A large sympathy card is on display in the community activities center 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and Monday through

Wednesday for base members to sign. The 32-by-80-inch card will be sent to the Pentagon.

■ The American Red Cross is requesting donations to assemble “Comfort Kits.” Items needed include toothpaste, deodorant, wash cloths, soap, razors, shaving gel, tissues, shampoo, lotion, small combs and brushes. Although there is no current designation for these kits, Red Cross officials anticipate a need for these in the near future. For more information, call

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## Commander asks for vigilance, patience, trust

By Col. Greg Ihde  
52nd Fighter Wing commander

**I**n the wake of the recent terrorist events in the United States, shock, disbelief, anger and grief have naturally arisen in all our hearts and minds. The proud way our nation has pulled together demonstrates that the spirit of Americans will not be broken.

It is now more imperative than ever that we remain vigilant in our fight against terrorism. As the days go on, we need to remember our force protection measures and heighten our security awareness and not become complacent.

To ensure you are less of a target, be alert, unpredictable and keep a low profile. You do not want to attract attention to yourself or your family.

Now is the time to protect our people and resources while we

maintain our capability to accomplish our primary military mission — constantly ready to promote stability and thwart aggression to achieve U.S. and NATO objectives.

In the weeks and months ahead, we as a nation will mourn. Those of us charged with protecting our great nation will be especially affected. Inevitably, we’ll ask ourselves many questions. Trust your nation’s leadership — be assured every possible measure is being taken to protect our nation and its people.

Have patience, especially with our security measures and the people carrying them out — there is no more important resource than our people, and protecting every member of Team Eifel is worth the minor inconvenience that comes with an increased security posture.

This is a very sad time for all Americans; our hearts and thoughts go out to the victims and their families.

It is important to note we are not alone in our time of grief. During this trying time, our local hosts have been at our side with morale support as well as resources. For example, this past weekend numerous local groups got together to remember and pray for the Americans who lost their lives in the tragic events Sept. 11. We sincerely appreciate the support from all of our local friends.

Every day, I’m grateful for the opportunity to be part of our great Air Force and I’m exceptionally proud to be a member of Team Eifel. Please continue to pray for the victims, their families, America and its citizens.





# Attacks affect overseas mail delivery

## Eifel post offices change hours; lock doors once closed for day

By Master Sgt. Randy L. Mitchell  
U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service

**R**AMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — The unprecedented cancellation of all flights to and from the United States affected the ability of U.S. military people and their families throughout the European theater to either send or receive mail from America.

All U.S. military postal facilities in Europe and the Balkans have resumed intratheater operations, said Roger Kolkena, spokesperson for U.S. Air Forces in Europe Air Postal Squadron. The facilities were temporarily closed Sept. 12, as postal officials assessed their operational posture.

While the 52nd Fighter Wing is in heightened force protection conditions, the Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex post offices are the only places people can deposit mail, according to Master Sgt. Walter Brennan, Spangdahlem AB postmaster.

"All mail boxes have been temporarily sealed," he said.

In addition, both post offices close and

no entry will be allowed when not open for business. Until further notice, postal operating hours are:

■ Spangdahlem AB - 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday for mailbox check and parcel pick-up; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday for the finance window.

■ Bitburg Annex - 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday for mailbox check and parcel pick-up; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for the finance window.

Kolkena's organization provides policy and guidance for 42 military post offices throughout the European theater, as well as Department of State post offices.

There are no restrictions on intratheater mail other than the standard size and weight restrictions of no more than 70 pounds and 130 inches, Kolkena said. However, mail to and from the United States is still being stopped because of the restrictions on flights in and out of the country.

"We can only accept first class mail, not greater than 13 ounces, at our military APO and FPO facilities," Kolkena said.

There are four air terminals throughout Europe that handle mail either being sent to or coming from the United States. American military officials are closely monitoring the situation and the decisions of the Federal Aviation Administration, regarding overseas flights, as they affect the flow of mail.

"The new security measures enacted by the FAA will dictate when we begin receiving mail from the states," Kolkena said.

All mail en route to the United States on Sept. 11 was diverted to Canada, Kolkena said. He also said all mail en route to USAFE bases at the time is being held up on the East Coast.

Once flights resume, it will still be a while before mail is delivered because of increased security measures.

**A**ll mail arriving and leaving the theater will be closely scrutinized — from the time it arrives at the airport, all the way through the trucking process and on to its final destination at military post offices, Kolkena said.

Kolkena said the most significant impact on overseas customers would be paying bills in the United States.

"Although every effort is being made to lessen the impact and protect the military families' credit, safety and security must take priority," he said.

In the meantime, people are encouraged to call creditors to work out payment arrangements, pay online by computer or pay over the telephone.

### Paying club bills

Officials with the 52nd Services Squadron said Air Force club members won't be receiving their bills from the United States on time.

Until mail service returns to normal, officials recommend people pay their FirstUSA club bill at the Spang or Saber club cashier cage.

To find out what people owe, members can call the FirstUSA toll-free number in Germany at 00800-1111-2265. Callers will be connected to a FirstUSA customer service representative.

In addition, club members can go to the FirstUSA Web site at [www.firstusa.com](http://www.firstusa.com) and download statements and pay bills online.

## Point blank

What were you doing when you heard about the terrorist attacks in the United States?



**Aida Barnes**  
Civilian employee with the  
52nd Services Squadron

"We were already evacuating our building because of a suspicious package at the education center. My co-worker called her husband on her cell phone to tell him about the evacuation. That's when he told her (and us) about the New York terrorist attacks."



**May Lewis**  
Family member

"I was at home when my friend from church called me about it."



**Airman 1st Class  
Rahmin Wright**  
52nd Logistics Readiness  
Squadron (Provisional)

"I was on the flightline driving supplies when I saw crew chiefs running around. Then, I heard it on the news."



**Capt. Brant Folken**  
52nd Fighter Wing

"I was at the post office when a friend told me. As soon as I could afterward, I turned on AFN."



**Demetrius Harrington**  
Civilian employee with the  
52nd Services Squadron

"I was at Lloyd's Insurance Company when I overheard people talking about it. At first, I didn't believe them, so the woman working there turned on the radio to let me listen to what was going on."





**Air Force Prime Time**, a weekly news magazine for and about airmen stationed overseas, airs Thursdays at 8:25 p.m. Central European Time on AFN television. In this

week's edition, Izmir, Turkey — a base hidden deep within a tourist city; housing at RAF Feltwell gets a facelift; thoughts from the Air Force chief of staff; and more.

## News briefs

### Town hall meeting

A town hall meeting takes place at 8:30 a.m. Monday in the Spang Club for Spangdahlem Air Base housing residents in buildings 403-406 and 419-421. The meeting will discuss family moves because of scheduled renovations for these buildings.

Moves will take place during October and November. For more information, call Jo Cardenas, housing flight deputy chief, at 452-6036.

### Heating policy

Civil engineers turn on heat to base facilities by taking into account mission requirements, quality of life and energy conservation.

Base policy dictates CE tracks daily temperatures beginning Aug. 1. Once the average temperature for five consecutive days reaches below 55 degrees, CE starts turning on heat to military and government leased housing, dormitories, lodging and schools followed by office and industrial facilities.

Heat is provided year-round to priority facilities such as the hospital, dental clinic, child development centers and where environmental controlled conditions are required for mission accomplishment. For questions or concerns on the heating policy, call Senior Master Sgt. Frazier Speaks at 452-6960.

### Reflective belts

Wing safety reminds active-duty members they're required to wear reflective belts on their way to work and to home during hours of darkness or reduced visibility. Belts are issued through unit orderly rooms.

### Holiday greetings

Army and Air Force Hometown News Service broadcast teams record Holiday Greetings with stops at 52nd Fighter Wing areas.

■Tuesday: NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen (call Tech. Sgt. Darrin Booher at 02451-63-2276)

■Wednesday: 8 a.m. to noon at Klein Brogel Air Base (call Senior Airman Bethany Weathersbee at 366-6180, ext. 224) and 1-4 p.m. at Volkel Air Base (call Senior Master Sgt. William Hubbartt at 360-7218)

■Oct. 7-9: Spangdahlem AB (call Tech. Sgt. Darrell Brewer at 452-6833; Buechel Air Base members call Capt. Brian Hollomon at 452-7340, ext. 211) Call to schedule appointments.

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Staff Sgt. Cindy York

### Maintaining readiness

Senior Airman Erik Carroll, 81st Fighter Squadron crew chief, marshals Capt. Mike Cady, 81st FS pilot, following a weapons training deployment flight at Graf Ignatievo Air Base, Bulgaria. About 120 members of the 81st FS and other support units from Spangdahlem Air Base joined 245 uniformed troops from United States Air Forces in Europe and NATO for the WTD and Cooperative Key Exercise. The main body of Spangdahlem AB troops is scheduled to return today after nearly three weeks TDY in Bulgaria.

## Merger enhances leadership options

By Master Sgt. Rick Burnham  
Air Force Print News

On paper, merging two major Air Force personnel offices in the Pentagon appears to simply be a matter of combining similar tasks and streamlining an area in which one unit can do the job of two.

But, Air Force officials said the combination of the General Officer Matters Office with the Senior Executive Service Matters Office Sept. 1 results in much more than just a transparent, organizational shift. The resulting unit will provide the Air Force with an enhanced capability to manage its senior leaders — a better avenue to put the best people in the positions they need to be in.

"The merger of these two offices is a landmark effort," said Col. Richard S. Hassan, chief of AFGOMO. "It will better prepare us to realize the vast potential of our Air Force leaders."

Hassan, who will head the new Senior Leader Management Office after the merger, said the change will give the Air Force a number of advantages over the old system. "It will not only allow us to better use our leadership team, but also to develop that team more deliberately," he said. "This will lay a solid foundation, giving us a bigger pool of talent to meet the challenges of the future."

Dr. James Roche, secretary of the Air Force, agreed with the colonel, adding the new structure will provide a number of different benefits for the Air Force of the 21st century. He noted the merger was the vision of Gen. Michael E. Ryan, who retired as Air Force

chief of staff Sept. 6.

"This combination will help us realize one of General Ryan's goals as chief of staff — to build an enduring, unified cadre of aerospace leaders," the secretary said.

"The development of leaders who understand the requirements of our Total Force — active military, civilian, guard, reserve, and contractors — will serve as yet another tangible hallmark of the tremendous contributions that Mike Ryan has made to his country during his military career."

Currently, AFGOMO provides "lifecycle" management of Air Force flag officer corps, from the point they are selected for promotion to brigadier general until their retirement. That includes all assignments, awards, housing and enlisted aid matters — essentially any personnel matter that would involve a general officer, Hassan said.

AFSEMO provides policy guidance and assistance for the management and administration of the SES Corps with the civilian personnel flights around the Air Force.

Combining the two offices will essentially do two things for the Air Force, Hassan said.

"This will send a strong message to the force we consider both general officers and SES civilians as part of the senior leadership of the Air Force," he said. "It also gives us the capability to more effectively use our leaders' various talents."

## Base drinking water found contaminated on Spangdahlem Air Base

By Maj. Mark Smallwood  
Bioenvironmental engineering flight commander

The base drinking water system on Spangdahlem Air Base exceeded the Environmental Final Governing Standards for Germany maximum concentration of bacteria.

The health risks associated with the bacteria

found are low, and only affects the drinking water on Spangdahlem Air Base, not the Bitburg Annex, government leased housing or surrounding communities. It does present a potential for illnesses such as upset stomach, diarrhea and urinary tract infections, with the elderly and young at highest risk.

Until further notice, bioenvironmental engineers recommend all people living and working on Spangdahlem AB to boil water taken from the tap at least two minutes before using it for drinking or cooking.

This is a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of Team Eifel while base officials

take measures to flush the system and verify health risks are eliminated. Bacteria were originally found during routine screening Sept. 14 and again Saturday in the water at the munitions storage area. Additional tests Sunday identified bacteria in water from other areas on base.





## Community Mailbox

### Service Credit Union

Due to a computer conversion, Service Credit Union closes Saturday and Sept. 29. Once completed, it will be able to offer more options to members and speedier service, said Diane Blake, assistant manager.

### Tops In Blue

Tops In Blue, the U.S. Air Force's premier entertainment showcase, tours the 52nd Fighter Wing and its geographically separated units beginning Sunday.

Staff Sgt. Walter Campbell, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, is the sole Spangdahlem Air Base team member. Shows take place:

■ Sunday - Spangdahlem AB at 6:30 p.m. in the fitness center. The 52nd Services Squadron needs volunteers to ensure the success of the performance. To volunteer, call Jake Jacobs or Cravin Hamm at 452-7260, or Steph Clark at 452-7381.

■ Monday - Buechel AB

■ Nov. 1 - Volkel AB, the Netherlands

■ Nov. 3 - Kleine Brogel AB, Belgium

### Religious seminar

Arlene Chambliss, religious education director for the 26th Area Support Group chaplain's office in Heidelberg, presents a nondenominational seminar on "Women and Friendship" at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Spangdahlem Air Base chapel.

For more information, call Kate



Staff Sgt. Kimberly Cook

### Happy birthday U.S. Air Force

Col. Greg Ihde, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, and Airman Basic Judid Escobar, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, the youngest airman at Spangdahlem Air Base, receive sabers to cut the birthday cake at the Air Force Ball Sept. 7. More than 400 people attended the event.

Banaszak at 06561-683579 or the chapel at 452-6281.

### Empathy bellies

A two-hour workshop designed to give fathers insight into how it feels to be pregnant takes place 6-8 p.m. Wednesday. Using certain techniques, fathers actually feel the weight gain and body image changes that occur during pregnancy.

To register for the class or for more information, call family advocacy at 452-8279.

### World War II Society

The WW II Society Europe holds a membership meeting at 11 a.m. Sept. 28 in

the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center. The agenda includes upcoming trips to Bastogne and Ardennes. For more information, call Ed Lapotsky at 06507-8292.

### Holiday bazaar

Private organizations interested in operating a food booth at the 2001 Eifel Holiday Bazaar should request applications by Oct. 1. Call Diane McNamara at 06562-932840, Roberta Shipp at 06575-903414 or e-mail FOODBOOTH01@aol.com for details.

### Special Children's Day

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Spangdahlem Air Base Special Children's

Day steering committee. For more information or to volunteer, call 2nd Lt. Robert Shipp Jr. at 452-6112 or 452-7410, Staff Sgt. Nicole Velsor at 452-6272 or Senior Airman Juliann Kuhn at 452-6266.

Similar to Special Olympics, the all-day event starts at 7:30 a.m. Oct. 31 in the Spangdahlem Air Base Fitness Center. Most of the children are from St. Martins School in Bitburg; however, the event is open to all military and Defense Department family members with special needs.

This is the 14th year the Eifel community has sponsored the event, which needs more than 300 volunteers.

### Survivor's group

Family advocacy is forming a survivor's group for women of familial sexual abuse. The group is designed to allow people to discuss, draw and journal their feelings.

For more information or to join, call Connie Ketchum or Michelle Holloman at 452-8279.

### Swimming vouchers

Military ID cardholders can now receive a voucher at various 52nd Services Squadron facilities for a 30-percent discount on day swimming passes at Cascades. The voucher and ID card must be presented at the Cascades register to receive the discount.

People can pick up vouchers at youth, child development, fitness and community centers, outdoor recreation or Information, Tickets and Tours.

The voucher is valid only on day swimming passes and can't be used for the sauna, combined swim/sauna pass or hourly tickets. It's also not valid with any other discount.

# At Your SERVICE

## SPANGDAHLEM

### Chapel

- ▶ Catholic Mass: 11:45 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday; and 9:30 a.m. Sunday
- ▶ Confessions, 4 p.m. Saturday or by appointment
- ▶ Catholic religious education, 11 a.m. Sunday
- ▶ Protestant Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m.
- ▶ Protestant Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
- ▶ Korean worship, 1 p.m. Sunday

### Commissary

- ▶ Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- ▶ Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- ▶ Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Main exchange

- ▶ Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Child development center

- ▶ Monday-Saturday, 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### BXtra (shoppette)

- ▶ Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### Gas station

- ▶ Monday-Saturday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Outdoor recreation

- ▶ Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ▶ Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Airmen's Attic

- ▶ Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Bowling center

- ▶ Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
- ▶ Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to midnight
- ▶ Sunday, noon to 9 p.m.

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### Chapel

- ▶ Catholic Mass: 9:15 a.m. Tuesday and 11:30 a.m. Sunday
- ▶ Catholic religious education: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
- ▶ Confessions, 10:45 a.m. Sunday
- ▶ Protestant Sunday worship: 8:15 a.m. liturgical; 9:35 a.m. contemporary; and 1 p.m. Gospel
- ▶ Protestant Sunday school: 11:30 a.m.

### Child development center

- ▶ Monday-Saturday, 5 a.m.-7 p.m.

### Commissary

- ▶ Monday, closed
- ▶ Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- ▶ Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Shoppette

- ▶ Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

## Furniture store

- ▶ Monday, closed
- ▶ Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Main exchange

- ▶ Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

### Gas station

- ▶ Monday-Saturday, 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Car care center

- ▶ Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- ▶ Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, closed

### Airmen's Attic

- ▶ Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

## Oberweiss Annex

### Pet spa

- ▶ Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. More movie synopsis information is available at:

[www.aafes.com/europe/eur\\_mov/snop.htm](http://www.aafes.com/europe/eur_mov/snop.htm)

**Bitburg Castle**

Today

**American Pie 2 (R)**

The summer after their first year at college, the boys rent a beach house and vow to make this the best summer ever. As it turns out, they discover times and people change, but in the end it's all about sticking together.

Saturday

**American Pie 2**

Sunday

**Crazy Beautiful (PG-13)**

She's an uptown girl who has everything, but values nothing. He's a downtown boy with nothing but values. As powerful forces conspire to pull them apart, the young lovers must decide whether to run from their problems or make a stand and try to find common ground.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

**American Pie 2**

Thursday

**Baby Boy (R)**

Twenty-year-old Jody, streetwise and jobless, has fathered two children and still lives with his mother. He can't seem to strike a balance or find direction in his chaotic life. Inevitably, Jody must face his own fears of adulthood if he wants to escape the life of a baby boy.

**Spangdahlem Skyline**

Tonight

**American Outlaws (PG-13)**

As confederate soldiers in the Civil War, the James boys and their cousins the Youngers, became expert killers able to live off the land for long periods of time and practice attacking their enemies' supply lines. The gang would later use the skills they gained from the war against railroads and banks.

Saturday

**American Outlaws****Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (PG-13, 9:30 p.m.)**

Details are unknown, but one would expect the film would be about explorer Lara Croft and her plundering exploits around the world. She shoots, she runs, she jumps, she wears extremely tight T-shirts . . . you get the picture.

Sunday

**A.I. - Artificial Intelligence (PG-13)**

Sometime in the future of the 21st century, mankind depends upon computers with artificial intelligence to maintain our way of life. Man has also found new friends in A.I., in the form of robots that are used for a variety of functions. A boy robot is on an emotional journey toward becoming something more.

Monday

**American Outlaws**

Tuesday

**Lara Croft: Tomb Raider**

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.  
For the most current information,  
call 452-9441.



## Out and about



■ Shop at a flea market Sunday in front of the Trier Ratio store, located off the autobahn; in front of the Trier-Zewen Extra Markt; along the Zeltingen Mosel shore; along the Traben-Trarbach Mosel shore; at the Treis-Karden festival grounds, located in the neighborhood of Burg Eltz; along the St. Goarshausen Rhine promenade; in front of the Konz Edeka market; in front of the Gerolstein Hit Market; in front of the Idar-Oberstein Globus Handelshof store; inside and outside the Koblenz Messe hall, located at Wallerheim Kreisel A; and inside the Park Haus of the Koblenz-Kesselheim Extra Market.

■ Join the Eifel Wanderers Sept. 29 on a Volksmarching 101 caravan trip to the nearby village of Hermesdorf. Meeting point is the Bitburg Annex Chapel parking lot at 9 a.m. Cost is 2.50 DM for a start card plus extra DMs for food and beverages. The event offers a 6K stroller-friendly walking trail, 10K and 20K walking trails, as well as 30K and 50K bike paths. There will be trails for all fitness levels. The event takes place regardless of weather conditions. For more information, call David Westwood at 06561-18758.

■ WorldCircus takes place at 6 p.m. Sunday in the Trier St. Maximin Hall. It is a musical

journey of people in the world featuring Sam Tshabalala & Sabeka, South African jazz, Reggae and Funk music, ADESA Sankof, Ghana acrobatic, street dancing performances, juggling performances and Fair Play Tour d'Europe. Tickets are 30 DM for adults and 15 DM for children. For details, call 0228-2288123. Tickets are available from the Trier Jacoby Drogerie (Trier Ticket Service).

■ Trier holds a Farmer's market Sept. 29 around the Porta Nigra.

■ The annual Trier Moselland exhibition, the largest trade fair in the region, takes place Sept. 29 through Oct. 7 at the Moselauen fairgrounds.

■ Plan to attend Eifel Classic races Oct. 5-7 at the Nuerburgring race track.

■ The German-American Friendships Club sponsors a trip to Strasburg, France, Oct. 20. For more information and to sign up for the trip, call Gisela Traut, club president, at 06562-2464 or 452-6802, or Marlies Wallen at 06562-3241.

■ Plan to shop during a Sunday in Bitburg Oct. 14. During the annual Bitburg farmer's market, many larger stores open 1-6 p.m. throughout the town.

■ A public volksmarch takes place Oct. 20 from the Catholic

School Center of Bitburg, located on Pruemer Strasse. Get there between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

■ Plan to attend the Munich Oktober festival through Oct. 3. For more information, go to [www.oktoberfest.de](http://www.oktoberfest.de).

■ Tier's Allerheiligenmesse fair features a number of rides and fun booths at the local Viehmarktplatz square.

■ Plan to shop during a Sunday in Trier Oct. 28.

■ Trier sponsors its annual "Open Pub Day" Oct. 27. One entrance fee allows visitors access to numerous bars to listen to bands from all over Europe at the pub of their choice. Entertainment will be available throughout the city.

■ The 2001 Mosel-Saar-Ruwer wine forum takes place Nov. 2-4 at the Trier Landes Museum.

■ Munich hosts an annual Kirchweihdult Oct. 20-28, a festival that offers a market, entertainment and rides.

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Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in September. Children prices are for ages 3-12 unless otherwise indicated. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg Annex Community Center at 452-9120 for details.

■ Oktoberfest with one overnight, Saturday and Sunday, \$179 per person.

■ Oktoberfest express, Saturday, \$70 per person.

■ Cochem medieval dinner, Saturday, \$65 per person.

■ Oktoberfest express, Sept. 29, \$70 per person.

■ Paris express, Sept. 29, \$89 for adults, \$75 for youth ages 3-17.

■ Oktoberfest express, Oct. 29, \$65 for dormitory residents, \$70 for other adults. Minimum age is 18.

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The outdoor recreation program sponsors the following trips in September. Call 452-7176 for more details.

■ Two-day horseback trail riding, Saturday and Sunday, minimum age is 14, \$175 per person.

■ Kyll River yak trip, Sept. 29, minimum age is 12, \$30 per person.

■ Canoe or sea kayak on the Mosel River, Sept. 30, minimum age is 12, \$25 per person.

■ Columbus Day ski trip, Oct. 5-7, glacier skiing in Soelden, Austria, \$275 with rental, \$250 with own equipment.

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# Viewpoint

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## Happy birthday

### Service leaders offer well-wishes following 54 years

By Dr. James Roche and Gen. John  
Jumper  
Air Force secretary and chief of staff, re-  
spectively

Within two short years fol-  
lowing victory in World  
War II, our nation's leaders  
confronted a dramatically new strate-  
gic and technological environment.  
The global alliance against fascism  
had yielded to Cold War, and new  
weapons systems introduced in the  
previous conflict promised to funda-  
mentally change the nature of war-  
fare.

At the same time, our own defense  
budget and military manpower shrank  
considerably as our people turned  
from wartime military mobilization to  
peaceful domestic pursuits. Our armed  
forces, which were organized so  
successfully to defeat the Axis  
powers, were faced with a more  
complex set of roles and missions. In  
short, it was a time - much like today -  
that demanded innovation, vision and  
transformation.

President Harry Truman rose to  
that challenge when he signed the

By Gen. Gregory Martin  
U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander

Tuesday (Sept. 18) marked  
54 years of remarkable  
achievement for the U.S.  
Air Force. This year, however, we  
celebrate our anniversary as an  
independent service amidst sorrow  
and solace.

The tragic sequence of events,  
which took place Sept. 11 at both  
the World Trade Center and at the  
Pentagon, only serve to strengthen  
our determination to protect  
freedom and democracy  
throughout the world.

National Security Act of 1947,  
creating our contemporary defense  
establishment, including the United  
States Air Force. Since that time, the  
men and women of America's Air  
Force have ceaselessly and selflessly  
mastered the challenges of a changing  
world. From the heroic airlift in Berlin  
to the awesome displays of global  
vigilance, reach and power in

From the Berlin Airlift to Allied  
Force, U.S. Air Forces in Europe  
has played a vital role in building  
the world's greatest aerospace  
force. Once more, in this dark hour,  
we continue to demonstrate the  
mettle which forges the great men  
and women of this command.

To all the airmen, civilians and  
family members who support our  
great nation here in Europe — you  
are America's Air Force overseas.  
Your dedication, sacrifices and  
professionalism make me proud to  
serve with you.

Operations Desert Storm and Allied  
Force, and from peacekeeping  
missions in the Balkans to  
humanitarian operations in Africa,  
America's Air Force has enabled  
aerospace power to serve the cause of  
peace and freedom.

In the past 54 years, our airmen  
have served with an extraordinary

combination of integrity, selflessness  
and creativity across the spectrum of  
operations. Whether standing on  
guard for deterrence in Europe or  
Asia, conducting joint operations,  
helping to make the Expeditionary  
Aerospace Force succeed, or manning  
our logistics and support functions at  
home, no one comes close.

We paused Tuesday (Sept. 18) to  
remember the day our great Air Force  
began this journey. We paused to  
reflect on our mission and our  
purpose, especially in light of the  
recent attack on our nation.

We are extremely proud of  
the service and contribu-  
tions of America's Air  
Force men and women — your vigi-  
lance and response was quick and  
purposeful, potentially limiting the  
extent of this terrible tragedy. Airmen  
everywhere now move forward to  
meet the challenge of today's threat.

We extend our heartfelt best  
wishes and Godspeed to our world-  
class team as we commemorate the  
birthday of the U.S. Air Force.

## Direct Line

### Saber's Edge demise

Question: The closure of the sports store (Saber's Edge) is a great dis-  
service to the Eifel community. A quick check with my on-line bank  
revealed my husband and I have purchased items at this establishment  
14 times since our arrival in January. With three children active in  
soccer, ballet, softball and skating, as well as a husband who has logged more  
than 2,000 miles on a road bicycle, the closure of this store directly impacts us  
greatly.

We've spent hundreds of dollars in this store; dollars that will not be spent  
anywhere else on this base. For example, in my 15 years of dealing with  
AAFES I have found they regularly stock soccer cleats in December and  
bathing suits in November; much too late. When it does stock them, the size and  
color selection is poor or limited. When it comes to biking supplies, no way!

There are more than 400 children currently enrolled in the soccer program.  
What will happen next season? Where will I get three pairs of soccer cleats,  
three sets of practice clothes, guards and socks? What about leotards, tights and  
dance shoes? Where will my husband buy tubes, tires or bar tape?

I fear this letter is too late, but felt it needed to be said. The sports store made  
life easier for our family (and many families like mine) — no need to get  
frustrated with AAFES, no hassle of shopping on the Internet or through a  
catalog and having to wait for the mail. Many will miss the sports store.

Answer: We're sorry to disappoint you. The intent wasn't to take a ser-  
vice away from customers, but to provide services and products that  
people use. The 52nd Services Squadron accounting shows the prod-  
ucts and services it was offering at the sports store weren't being used to the  
extent to justify staying open.

Sales have decreased more than \$200,000 in the bike store this past year and  
services isn't meeting its Air Force financial goals of 10-25 percent net income  
after depreciation. It's currently at 1 percent. Because of this, services had to  
take measures to ensure this operation didn't continue to negatively affect the  
rest of the services operations. For example, when the sports store loses  
money, some other services activity needs to raise prices to cover the loss. This

is unfair to all the people who use other activities.

Years ago, services activities were subsidized with appropriated-fund dollars  
from Congress. Today, these activities aren't authorized APF money; therefore,  
they must operate like any other business outside the gate. This is unfortunate  
since many of these activities may not make money, but do offer a service.

Another consideration was that the fitness center, which is the most  
frequented facility on base, would soon be installing the popular Cardio Theater  
System. Until the decision was made to close the sports store, the fitness center  
had no location to install this system. The original plan was to install the Cardio  
Theater in the aerobics room, but that greatly upset aerobics patrons.  
Consequently, all cardio equipment currently scattered around the gym will now  
be centrally located in the sports store area.

As far as products currently sold in the sports store, much of the inventory  
will be transferred to other services operations. When the store officially closes  
Sept. 30, all camping, racquetball, seasonal gear, etc., will move to outdoor  
recreation. It will take about a month to get the inventory transferred and set up,  
so by Nov. 1, outdoor recreation will begin selling many of these items.

The bike shop repair facility will remain open through Dec. 31 and it will  
honor all maintenance agreements until then. Although your husband is an  
active supporter of the bike shop, it's losing a significant amount of money due  
to competition from the bike store at Ramstein Air Base and on-line. Services  
can't support the inventory. As a result, the bike inventory will go away.

Children's sports apparel will be sold at the newly renovated Youth Open  
Recreation Facility in the Spangdahlem Air Base housing area. The inventory  
transfer for these items will also be up and running by Nov. 1. Also in this youth  
facility will be a trophy and embroidering operation.

Services will be getting out of the shoe business since it can't afford to keep  
the inventory on hand; however, it is working with Ramstein AB and AAFES  
to arrange seasonal buys for shoes.

I hope this clears the issue up a bit and I hope that you will be able to find  
most, if not all, of your shopping needs at other services activities.





## DOD awards contract to rebuild Pentagon; improvements saved lives

Compiled from staff reports

**D**efense Department officials announced Saturday a contract has been awarded to initiate immediate action to rebuild portions of the Pentagon damaged in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack and to continue other renovations.

The initial contract is \$145 million awarded to Hensel Phelps Construction Co., Chantilly, Va. In addition to the still-to-be determined total costs of repairing the damage from the terrorist attack, the contract has a potential value of up to \$758 million total for renovation of the undamaged portions of the Pentagon, plus adjustments for inflation costs during the estimated 11-year effort.

"With the award of this contract we can begin immediate repairs to the Pentagon and make the necessary improvements that will keep it operational for the next 50 years," said Lee Evey, Pentagon renovation program manager. "The design-build approach has already demonstrated it can succeed with this environment."

Ongoing Pentagon renovations that included designs for force protection saved military and civilian lives after the hijacked commercial airliner smashed into the building, Evey said.

The assault "happened to hit an area that we had built so sturdily," he explained. In addition to saving lives, the renovations helped to keep more of the building intact.

"It could have been much, much worse," Evey said. The airliner crashed low and diagonally into the Pentagon's outside "E" ring limestone wall. The plane first hit a recently renovated wedge section near the heliport on the west side of the building before passing into an unrenovated area.

Floor-to-floor and interconnected vertical steel beams,

### DOD casualty update

**D**efense Department officials said the number of dead or unaccounted for at the Pentagon remains 124, not including the 64 passengers on American Airlines Flight #77 which terrorists flew into the building.

As of press time, 115 remains have been recovered from the Pentagon and transported to Dover Air Force Base, Del., for identification and 30 have been identified.

Officials said all names of those who remain unaccounted for have been released. DOD members are listed at [www.defenselink.mil/news/Sep2001/b09142001\\_bt427-01.html](http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Sep2001/b09142001_bt427-01.html).

sturdier windows and Kevlar armor panels used in the revamped exterior wall helped slow down the plane and mitigate effects of the explosion as the plane crashed through the Pentagon, he noted.

The Pentagon consists of five concentric five-sided buildings that ring a park-like central courtyard. The building is named A Ring to E Ring from the inside out.

Evey said the hijacked aircraft slammed through the E, D and C rings before coming to rest in an open-air service passageway separating the C and B rings.

Meanwhile, fire and rescue operations continue. Rebuilding, Evey said, will not start until the search for victims and the removal of debris is complete.

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Still, two-thirds of the Pentagon can be operated in a normal manner, said John F. Irby, director of the Pentagon's Federal Facilities Division, attributing that fact to the building's reinforced concrete construction.

"The Pentagon is an amazing building," he said.

Irby added workers are shoring up the collapsed section as they continue to search for victims and remove debris. Last week, workers recovered the hijacked airliner's voice recorder and flight data "black boxes."

Troop support from the Military District of Washington involves about 500-700 service members daily, said Army Maj. Gen. Jim Jackson, district commanding general.

Jackson lauded the cooperative efforts of local, state and federal organizations in fire fighting, search and rescue, security, building engineering and clean up, crime investigation and other efforts in the aftermath of the attack.

As far as rebuilding, the contractor is expected to begin design work at the end of the month. Overall completion of the entire renovation project is expected in December 2012. For more information about the contract or the Pentagon Renovation Program, visit <http://renovation.pentagon.mil>.

**I**n addition to Hensel Phelps, the design-build team includes Shalom Baranes Associates, HDR Architecture, MC Dean, Studio Architecture and Southland Industries, Evey said. The team will have the task of keeping fully operational the world's largest office building and headquarters for the U.S. military establishment. Working around 20,000 Pentagon employees, the contractor will remove about 350 million pounds of debris, demolish sections down to the concrete columns and floor slabs, and then rebuild space equivalent to more than two Empire State Buildings as part of the renovation activities.

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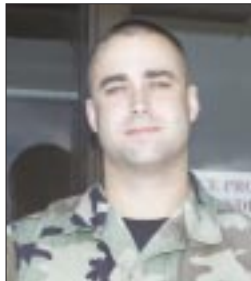
What were you doing when you heard about the terrorist attacks in the United States?



**Maj. Inez Sookma**

52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron (Provisional) commander

"I was in my office when the first sergeant came in and told me about what had happened. I immediately turned on the radio to listen to all the unbelievable events that were unfolding."



**Senior Airman Christopher Wright**

52nd Communications Squadron

"I had just gotten off work when I saw it on TV. I couldn't believe what was happening. I thought it was all actually a hoax."



**Xavier Arita**

Family member

"I was driving when I heard the news on a German radio station. I changed the channel to AFN to make sure I heard correctly about the terrorist attacks."



**Susan Tawney**

Civilian employee with the 52nd Operations Group

"I was at work when I heard the news on AFN."



**Master Sgt. Richard Shephard**

52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron (Provisional)

"I received a phone call from my wife, then immediately logged onto the Intranet and e-mailed my friends about it."





*Our deepest sympathy goes to our American friends. We are more than ever determined to eradicate the evil forces and evil spirits that lead to these satanic acts against humanity and the American nation in particular.*

Speicher German-American Friendship Club

*Because of Special Children's Day, our students, parents and teachers are especially shocked about what happened in the United States. We feel very close to the people, our friends, at Spangdahlem Air Base due to all the contacts we have had with the base during personal visits and the Special Children's Day. We wish the American population the strength it needs to make the necessary decisions to maintain peace in the world. Our hearts are close to you and you are in our thoughts.*

Bitburg St. Martin School

(Students in Trier-Kenn Elementary School discussed the attacks on the U.S. in class recently. Afterward, they compiled a book of prayers, letters and poems for the base. Here's what some had to say:)

*I pray that the firemen and police find more people who are alive . . . and people who did this don't do something like it again . . .*

*Dear God, give all those people whose friends and relatives were involved in the horrible attacks strength again and encouragement to continue on . . .*

*Please help us so there's no war in the world, ever . . .*



Master Sgt. Blake Borsic

Left to right, Petra Streit, wife of Bitburg city mayor; Leli Graef, wife of Bitburg county commissioner; Uschi Lafrenz, Bitburg German-American Women's Club; and Bernd Schaefer, 52nd Fighter Wing community relations adviser, lay flowers at the Spangdahlem Air Base main gate.

## Eifel residents share shock, sorrow

Region showers base with words of sympathy following horrific terrorist attacks

By Iris Reiff  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

For nearly 50 years, the people in the Eifel region have worked and lived closely with the American population at Spangdahlem Air Base.

The overwhelming shock and grief of the American community here following the horrific terrorist attacks extend well beyond the fence that visibly separates the base from surrounding communities.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the Eifel communities have expressed their deepest sympathy. Thousands of people have shared their feelings for the victims through different forms of communication and activities. Immediately after the attacks, the base received a flood of phone calls from local officials, organizations and individuals.

"I was so shocked and speechless," said Klaus Rodens, Spangdahlem mayor and base German Works Council chairperson. Rodens happened to be at a school outside the local area when he heard about the tragedy. His first reaction was to pick up the phone and call the base.

"We're one big family and this will bring us even closer together," Rodens said. "If we stick together, terrorism will not win."

The mayor was certainly not the only one expressing solidarity with the base. The phones keep ringing around the clock on base with local residents expressing their support,

sympathy and feelings. The list of condolence letters, faxes and e-mails addressed to the wing commander and his troops appears endless.

"The entire community offers its support keeping the Americans in thoughts and prayers during these difficult times," said Bernd Schaefer, 52nd Fighter Wing community relations adviser, adding, the solidarity that was shown to the base by the surrounding communities has been overwhelming.

"All over this planet, there are lights burning for the victims of terror in New York and Washington and all the families who lost relatives and friends," wrote a 15-year-old Wiesbaden area student. "Now is the time to stand together as friends. Let us pray together, let us stand strong against those terrorists!"

Many people in the Eifel and throughout Germany echo her thoughts and feelings.

"We are shocked and outraged by this cruel, unbelievable mass murder of thousands of innocent people," said Uschi Lafrenz, Bitburg German-American Women's Club president, after laying flowers at the gate Sept. 14 with the Bitburg mayor and other residents. "Our deepest sympathy is with the American people."

A resident of nearby Trier walked up as they were placing the flowers to say, "I can't believe what happened," as he stopped talking and broke out in tears.

As the mourning continues, remember there are friends and neighbors everywhere who care and are willing to help.







## Base, local services offer chance to mourn

Compiled from staff reports

**T**hroughout the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack in the United States, the thoughts and prayers of people throughout the world have been expressed for the families and victims.

In the Eifel region, there has been an outpouring of support in the form of memorial services and other means.

Ecumenical devotionals took place Sept. 12 at Liebfrauen Kirche in Trier and Sept. 13 in Himmerod Abbey; Christian worship services were held in the Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex chapels Sept. 14; special prayers and devotionals were organized throughout the weekend during services in the Speicher German evangelical community; a devotional service was held at the Spangdahlem village church Sunday, which included a march of silence to the front gate of Spangdahlem AB; and a German Red Cross youth group's silent march and prayer Tuesday at the Bitburg market square area. The German Works Council on base arranged a silent march for non-U.S. employees Thursday. The group marched from building 250 to the base memorial park to lay a wreath.

The following are a few services currently planned. People can tune to



Senior Airman Karen Silcott

**Spangdahlem village adults and children light candles in honor of the victims of terrorist attacks in the United States during a memorial service at St. Nikolaus church Sunday.**

American Forces Network and review e-mail messages for potential time changes as well as additional services.

■ A Catholic Vigil Mass takes place at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Spangdahlem village St. Nikolaus church followed by a commemoration ceremony.

■ The Catholic community of Herforst plans a special worship service Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

■ A candle procession from the

Binsfeld church to the small shrine in town takes place at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Candles are available at the church for 1.50 DM.

Wing chaplains also continue to offer special counseling. They also are doing additional visitations on the flightline, to troops along perimeter road and more.

**F**or more information or to speak with a chaplain, wing members can visit them directly or call 452-6711.

## Aid

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the American Red Cross at 452-9440. It's located in building 2001, third floor, on the Bitburg Annex French Kaserne. The office is open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

■ For people wanting to donate money, a variety of organizations have joined together to form a centralized effort for the ongoing relief in the United States. The Spangdahlem Top Three, Company Grade Officers, Officers and Civilian Spouses Club, Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club and other organizations established a special account called "Unified America" at the Community Bank on Spangdahlem AB. Donations could be made at the unit funds teller counter at the bank. The counter is open 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1-3:30 p.m. weekdays. Donations will be forwarded to the American Red Cross.

■ To make a direct donation to the American Red Cross base members can contact the local chapter at 452-9241. Members can also make donations via phone by calling 001-800-HELP NOW; by internet at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org); or by mail at American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C., 20013.

■ A "September 11 Attach on America Fund" was started by the Air Force Aid Society to help Air Force people and their families. This fund was created to assist people stranded around the world because of limited airline service. People who wish to send a donation by check or cash should mail to AFAS Headquarters, 1745 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 202, Arlington, Va., 22202. People who wish to contribute by credit card should call 001-800-769-8951.

■ Information on monetary donations can also be found for the International Association of Fire Fighters at [www.iaff.org](http://www.iaff.org); New York Fraternal Order of Police Fund at [www.nysfop.org](http://www.nysfop.org); United Way National Response Fund at [www.uwopc.org](http://www.uwopc.org); and the National Organization for Victim Assistance at [www.try-nova.org](http://www.try-nova.org).

These are just a few of the many relief funds that have been established. Defense Department officials remind people they should do research prior to making a donation to any organizations to ensure the agency is legitimate.

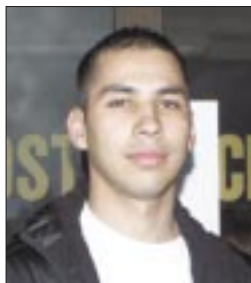
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What were you doing when you heard about the terrorist attacks in the United States?



**Arleen Hazelton**  
Family member

*"I was with my two daughters in the library when we were rushed out because of a suspicious package nearby. I took them to a restaurant. Then I heard the news reports on the TV about the attack."*



**Airman 1st Class Mark Anthony Sullivan**  
52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron

*"I was inside the maintenance shop when I heard the news on the radio."*



**Curt Harrington**  
Civilian employee with the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron (Provisional)

*"I was at work when airmen told me the news. I had to turn on the TV to make sure what they were saying was true. Like most, I was in shock."*



**Sherry Clark**  
Civilian employee with the 52nd Services Squadron

*"I was teaching gymnastics at the Bitburg Annex youth activities center."*



**Master Sgt. Thad Burt**  
52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron (Provisional)

*"I was in the air coming back from the United Kingdom off emergency leave. My plane left at 1:45 (p.m.) UK time. I didn't find out about it until I landed."*







# SPANG REACTS



Airman 1st Class Michelle Roquid

At left, silhouetted 606th Air Control Squadron members watch over the gate from their post in a Humvee. Below, Master Sgt. Todd Osier, 52nd Logistics Support Squadron, glances up at the American flag during the base's participation in the European Union's three-minute silence across Europe Sept. 14.



Senior Airman Karen Silcott

A German national from Spangdahlem village places flowers and a candle at the base's main gate following a memorial service Sunday at St. Nikolaus Church. More than 1,000 people attended the ceremony.



Airman 1st Class Michelle Roquid

Sunny McEuen attends one of the memorial services with her daughter Holly and son Ryan held Sept. 14 on Spangdahlem Air Base and the Bitburg Annex. Nearly 350 people attended to two services. Sunny is the wife of Maj. Tony McEuen, 23rd Fighter Squadron maintenance officer.



Master Sgt. Blake Borsic



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Staff Sgt. John Smithhart, 52nd Security Forces Squadron, and his military working dog inspect a vehicle at the gate during increased force protection conditions.